

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

MINUTES

October 30, 2019

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Sandie Lyman, Vice Chair
Jake Holehouse, Member
Michael Bomar, Member
Paul Skipper, Chair

ABSENT: Denise Chase, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Matthew McConnell, Esq., Dickman Law Firm
Wesley Wright, Community Development Director
Brandon Berry, Planner I
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. 09/25/2019

Vice Chair Lyman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Bomar and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

4. Action Items

- a. **VARIANCE – FENCE – FRONT YARD:** 7998 Boca Ciega Drive (Case No. 19043); Jack and Karla Lafferty are requesting a Variance for the installation of a six-foot tall fence that exceeds the allowable four feet in height along 80th Ave. The property is zoned RU-2 Residential.

Planner I, Brandon Berry reviewed the applicant's request and staff findings.

Jack Lafferty, applicant, 7998 Boca Ciega Drive, spoke on his own behalf and explained the reasons for the request.

Finding no public comment and no opposition, Chair Skipper opened the meeting for board discussion, Q&A and called for a vote.

Member Bomar made a motion to approve the Variance for Case No. 19043. The motion was seconded by Member Holehouse and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. **Discussion Items**

- a. **Proposed Amendments to Land Development Code Sec. 3.12**

Community Development Director Wesley Wright explained that these amendments would keep the hardship variance but add a practical difficulty variance and give staff the ability to grant some smaller variances administratively.

Mr. Berry stated that in May the City Commission directed staff to expand the variance criteria. He reviewed the standards and conditions of each proposed category and provided examples from historic cases and asked for any questions from board members.

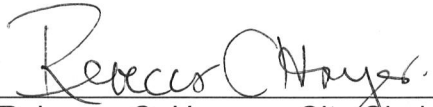
Mr. Wright stated that the Planning Board had also reviewed this information. It will be presented to the Commission in November and could begin as early as December if approved.

Brief discussion followed the presentation.

5. **Adjournment – Next Meeting 11/20/2019**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Paul Skipper, Chair

Minutes approved on: 11/20/2019